

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 330 without my signature.

This bill would require a county elections official to provide at least five days of public notice prior to performing tests on vote tabulating devices. I support efforts to increase public participation in the elections process and have signed legislation allowing access for citizen organizations and the media to observe the preparation and operation of vote tabulating devices. However, creating a state-mandate, as this bill does, is unnecessary. Nothing under current law prohibits interested parties from inquiring about the time and place of testing or programming of tabulation devices. Those that wish to observe the process can contact their local elections official to obtain the information.

For these reasons I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger